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THE
FIGURE
OF
NINE:

Containing these Nine
Observations, VVits, Fits, and
Fancies, Jests, Jibes and Quibbles
with mirth, Pastime and
pleasure.

*The Figure of Nine to you I here present
And hoping thereby to give you content.*



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The Epistle to the R E A D E R.

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Good gentle Reader, so I will thee call,
If thou wilt neither grin, bark, bite, nor ball,
If thou art kind, and lov'st a Poets state ?
My Book to thee I mean to dedicate ;
If your acceptance do but dain to read it,
I will be thine, as fortune hath decreed it,
And what the Muses doth bestow on me,
Withall my heart I will reveal so thee.
What ere it be, jibes, jests, or pretty theams,
Or otherwise some Cural or extreams,
What ere I have, I partly will provide,
Some dainty dish, fit for the finest Bride :
Or any one, that stands a Poets friend,
I say no more, but try me to the end,
Think well on this, believe it all, no less,
I will be yours for ever, I profess.

Samuel Smithson.

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O F
N I N E ;
Containing Mirth,
Wit, and Pleasure.



*Assist me now you Muses all Divine
To write upon this Figure of Nine.*



The Vertues Compleats
and makes an honest
woman : Patience ,
Modesty , Chastity ,
Loving moderately ,
Giving charitably ,
a Vice reprobate , a
Gospel lover , zealous in goodness , and
to be faithful in her promise .

Nine excellent treasures which will cause
a Man to love a Maid : Beauty , Fea-
ture , Amity ; Riches ; Lands , Livings ;
Nob'e birth ; Gallant Behaviour , and a
tongue that is civil .

Nine

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Nine sorts of Heads much nominated in these times: A Square head: a long head a rattle head: a round head: a Bull's head a calves head: a Rams head: a Cuckold's head: and a Maiden head.

Nine pretty pastimes and pastimes cause mirth and laughter: A Play with a Clown in it: a Court with a Fool in it: a Changling and an Antick: a Lord and his Jester: a mad man in Bedlam: Jack-pudding in Dancing: a Song from a Fidler: the politick Jugler: and the Hobby horse Morris.

Nine sorts of wives and other things torment born mad Cuckolds: wanton wives: lavishing wives: fighting wives: scolding ing wives: Jeering wives: coifly wives: handsom wives: sparks in their beds, and themselves kickt out of service.

Nine virtues belong to a good man: Love, peace and unity: faith, hope and charity: gravity: wisdom and sobriety.

Nine ill conditions in a married man puts his wife out of temper: to be idle: to be a drunkard: to sw ar: lye and dissemble: to be a glutton: to pawn his clothes and bedding: to be dogged and full of envy.

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Nine things being once lost can never be recovered: A Bawds chastity, a whores honesty, a Brokers Charity, a desperate Lover, a faithless promise, a Ship in the Quicksands, a Pearl in the Ocean, a man in the Clouds with a lost Maidenhead.

Nine sorts of tools chiefly belong to a Farrier: A Forge, an Anvil, a Hammer, a pair of Tongues, a Brish, a Vice, a File, a pair of Bellows, and a horn to blow with.

Nine sorts of men love nine sorts of dishes: A Dutchman loves Butter, an Englishman Be f, a Scot loves an Oate-cake, the Welshman loves Couse-boby, an Irishman Onions, a Frenchman loves Mutton, the Spaniard Tobacco, the Seamen loves fish, and a Taylor loves Cabbage.

Nine things make a Taylor a man: A Thimble Bockin, Shears, Needles, and Cloth: Nature makes him a man, his Master makes him a Taylor, his wife makes him a Cuckold, and the Divel makes him a thief.

Nine things delight a Shepkerd, The killing of Wolves, the destroying of Foxes, the barking of Cut, his Crook, Bag-

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Bagpipes, &c tarbox, his bottle, a Wench
in the Fold when his wife is churning.

Nine sorts of horned Creatures : A Uni-
corn, a Stag, a Buck, a Goat, a Hart,
a Ramme, an Oxe, a Bull, and a Cuc-
kold.

Nine sorts of Vaulters and Jumpers : A
Flea, a Frog, a Grashopper, a Vaulter, a
Tumbler, and a Dancer, a Jumper, a
Squirrel, and a Quarter-staff-leaper.

Nine sorts of Common Armes : The Brew-
ers Armes, the Bakers Armes, the Wea-
vers Armes, the Butchers Armes, the Pain-
ters Armes, the Curriers Armes, the
Wenchers Armes, a Cuckolds Armes, and
the Hangmans Armes.

*Nine sorts of common Dances always
used :* Salinges round Bobbinjo, Jingle-
de-cut Bodkins Galliard, the Mad mans
Morris, drunken Barnaby, the Bed full
of bones, room for Cuckolds, and the
Lankshire Horn pipe.

Nine sorts of peccish angry Creatures :
A froward Child, a sick man, an old man
a Wittal, a Cuckold, a Hornet, a Bee, a
Wasp, a Beetle.

*Nine Disasters befit a cunning dissem-
bling Broker :* a Rook to catch him, a

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knave to flatter him: a lawyer to conserne him: a thief to rob him: a whore to gull him: a Jugler to winde him: a Book to slander him: a wanton wife and a halter.

Nine sorts of *Vagrants* there are which all honest men should beware of: A Bawd: a Whore: a Pandor: a Thief: a Cutpurse and a Pickpocket: a Broker: a Usurer: and the Divel.

Nine old Proverbs to rehearse will cause laughter: A good *Jack* makes a good *Gill*: a kind wife is worth gold: like to like quoth the Divel to the Collier; out of the Fryingpan into the fire, Cat after kind: smitten come *Shite* is the beginning of love a burnt child fears the fire: it is want that makes the good wife trot: and a cunning knave needs no Broker.

Nine sorts of foolish things are unseemly: to eat porridge with a *Ladle*; to blow ones Nose at supper *to fart* before a Justice; to slubber in eating; to laugh at prayer: to kiss like a clown: to stand like a fool: to jeer continually: and to laugh at a dogs tayl wagging.

Nine sorts of female Creatures much noted:

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named: A Scold: a Slut: a Babblet: a Gossip
a prattling husewife: a Doctress: a witch,
a Bawd and a Harlot.

Nine sorts of amorous Women: *Venus*
the goddess of beauty: *Flora* and *Gloris*
goddesses of flowers: chaste *Diana*: fair
Hellen of Greece: modest *Penelope*, *Lady*
Rosamond, *Jane Shore*: and the glory of
the *West*.

Nine great sounds and reports: Beating
of Drums: shouting of Guns: sounding
of trumpets: the beating of Coppers: the
shouting of millions, the noise of the
Ocean: the ringing of Bells: the wilder-
ness musick: the clapping of thunder.

*Nine things can never be compast to be
done:* to empty the Sea: to climbe to the
Element: to tell the stars: to swallow a
Milstone: to live by the ayre: to fit well
in a burning furnace: to leap like a
Squirrel: to spit out gold angels, and to
fly like an Eagle.

Nine conceits will make the people merry:
to see a cat curn Fidler: and Mice turne
Morrice Dancers: to hear a Dogg play
on the Taber and Pipe: a Pig to play
on the Organs: to see a Jack a Nape
sing Ballads, Foxes turn Lawyers, Geese
turn

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turn Clents; a wench to dance naked; a Paras to talk bawdily.

Nine things befits a Poet: Money, good company, subjects to write on, Pens, Ink and paper; natures invention, the Muses inspiration; and a pretty Wench in his study.

Nine pretty sorts are worth spectacion: Jack puddings, fegaries; a Clown in his gesture; the Lancashire witches; the drunks; Kards and tick; Barnabies frolick; the sisters dipping; a woman preaching; the Adamites meeting; a Milkwench to stroke a Bull.

Nine sorts of Religions, and never a good one: the Arminians, the Anabaptists, the Antinomians; Free-willers, Adamites, Seekers; Epicures; Atheists; and Papists.

Nine conceits changed world be pretty: to see Monkies turn Friers; Cats to be Nuns; Jackanapes turn Jesuites; Mungrels turn Priests; a Fox to sprinkle holy water; an Owl to sing Masse; a Wolf to turn Cardinal; a Wizard turn Pope; and the Divel pardon all.

Nine things Metamorphosed would be by nine dayes wonder: to see a Childe teach Po-

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his Father; A tree with the root upward; Castles in the Ayr, stars in the Earth; a mountain in the Sea; a Church with the steeple downward, a Cart to draw horses; hens to tread Cocks; and a woman to wear the breeches.

Nine sorts of *Arts and Professions* gets their living by Musick; a Virginalmaker; a Cytern maker; an Organ player; a Baggipe player; a Fidler; the Tinker and his Kettles; a trumpeter, a pipe and taber; and a jovial Chanter.

Nine rare *Arts* that excell all others: A Printer; a Caster of Metals; a Limner; a Weaver; an Embroiderer; a Cutter of Marble; an Engineer Artist; the gallant Clockwork; and famous Waterwork.

Nine sorts of *wanton Creatures*: Woodcocks; Dottrels; Kitlins; Monkies; Puppies; Pigs; Colts; Affer; Children; and fisking wenches.

Nine sorts of provisions are commodious in a Commonwealth, Oyl; Milk; and Honey; Bread; Beef and Bacon; Pork; Lamb and Mutton.

Nine sorts of *men and Tradesmen* live by horns; Combemakers, Hornmakers, Postboyes, Sowgolders, Blacksmiths, Lans-

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Lanthornmakers, Pimps, VVittals, and
Cuckolds.

Nine sorts of Dishes a lewd wife provides
her Husband. A messe of Mandringbroth
a wormwood posset a Dish of crabbed
faces, a panful of Carp, a mouthful of
pouts, a messe of pickled tongues a
handful of Rue, a Cuckolds cap, and a
Horn comb.

Nine sorts of men not to be believed: Horse
courses. Brokers, Usurers, Rooks, De-
coyes and cheaters. VVizards, Fortun-
tellers and Quacksalves.

Nine things are uncertain: Doomsday
deaths coming, Riches, a faithless man
times allowance, a fickle minde, faire
weather, a turning weathercock, a
wanton Harlot.

There are nine sorts of Cuckolds: A kind
Cuckold, a crosse Cuckold, a gallant
Cuckold, a proud Cuckold, a jealous
Cuckold, a patient Cuckold, a dogged
Cuckold, a weeping Cuckold, a hornmad
Cuckold.

There are nine sorts of things which are
to be taken heed of: A feigned friend, a
back-biter, a false dissembler, a cunning
shcker a crafty thlef, a smiling cuperse

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High-way cheater, a perjured swearer
a painted Harlot.

Nine things are very irk some: to go in
stone wyes bare-footed: to ride tyred
horses: to eat bitter foot, Gall: worm-
wood: to sup scalding liquor: to drink
a fower Beer, to be full of Vermin, and to
have ones skin full of lit-holes.

Nine sorts of silly things commonly used.
To wish for great Livings: to ban the
wheel of Fortune: to talk with a Fool:
to joyn with an Ass to be like a Cuckold
to swear like a Ruffin: to drink like a
prodigal, to eat like a Glutton: and to
lye in bed and forecast.

Nine things are known to be true by doing
nine things: A Lowse is known to be a
blood sucker by his biting: a Cheater
is known to be a Rook by his couzen-
ing: a Pandor is known to be a Pimp by
his waiting: a Cuckold is known to be
a wittal being contented, a Broker is
known to be a cut-throat by his usury.
a Begger is known to be a murderer by
killing: a thief is known to be a robber
by his hanging, a Lawyer is known to
a Schollar by his pleading, and a whore
is known to be a harlot by her wanton-
nesse.

Good



Good counsel in bad times.

The gune is, Old Simon the King.

Y^Ou young men and Bachelors all,
pray bearken to what I shall say;
Tis fit you should come at my call,
the bondmen is forc'd to obey.
Good counsel to you I will give
whereby to avoid subtil traps:
Some think 'tis a fine way to thrive
to sit in your Countrezens laps,
But chiefly beware of the horne
for if it do fall to your lot,
Your neighbor will laugh you to scorn
and call you kind Cuckold I wot.

I'd have you take heed of a Bawd,
O think on the Turnbal gang:
For they will a young man appal and
and give his gold purse a fine bang.
And if thou art made of such Mettle,
to play with their Holland smocks
They'll bite and sting like a Nettle
and send you home bark with a pox,
But chiefly, &c.

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Take heed of a Surers clow
for why he is as bad as the Divel
He'l keep you by a power in awe
and make a proud Rieffin turn civill
Beware and keep out of his hands.
for down he will fling you with's lock
He'l fease on your Cartel and Land,
and sue for the principal stock.
But chiefly &c.

Keep out of a Brokers shop,
for if he bend thee to his bow
He'l use thee as bad as a Crop
this I by experience do know.
A limb of the Divel is he,
some Brokers are knavish and base
When as he hath souzened thee
beel jeer thee unto thy fools face,
But chiefly &c.

Take heed of a Lawyer I say
with gold and silver they'r fed
If they for their money do stay
they'l swear that your cause is dead
They are crafty like to an old Fox
which carries the Goose on his back
They'l lock up the gold in a box
and make a poor John a poor Jack
But chiefly &c,

Refrain

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Restrain from meeting thieves
from pickpockets 'tis a mil' crew,
That commonly are brought before the Sheri
adjudged for being untrue,
For tyburn doth fall to their doom
fitted with a noose and a Loop,
Though loath yet up they must go
and swing too as round as a hoop;
But chiefly &c.

Beware and take heed of your friends
lest unkindly they do betray you
Concluding me, Distrust it ends,
remember this counsel I pray you
I wish you good trading and health
where ever you live or do dwell
I wish you much honour and wealth
and the Figure of Nine far to sell,
But chiefly beware of the horn
for if it do fall to your lot,
Your neighbor will laugh you to scorn
and call you kind Cuckold I wot.

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